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A Non-Operating Owner's View John Vinquist, President MATS, Inc.
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Introduction

- A discussion of non-operating owner issues relevant to deregulation, mergers and consolidations in the industry.
- John Vinquist, President of MATS, Inc., a company representing the interests of the four non-operating nuclear owners of Nine Mile Point Unit 2.

Topics of Discussion

Who are the Non-Operating Owners

Non-Operating Owners Viewpoint

Nuclear Non-Operating Owners Group

Summary

Who are the Nuclear Non-Operating Owners

- Over 70 Investor and Publicly Owned Utilities
- Ownership shares range from <1% to 100%
- 21% of U.S. Nuclear capacity (almost 20,000 MW)
- Significant Nuclear Stakeholder

Non-Operating Owners' Viewpoint

 Nuclear assets remain a value to both shareholders and customers

Safe <u>and</u> Reliable <u>and</u> Cost Competitive

Operator and Non-Operator Aligned

Safety

Recognized Industry Safety Performance

 Continued safety focus in aggressive/competitive markets

 Minimal staff distraction during sale/merger process

Reliability

- Reliable source of energy to all owners
- Cooperative scheduling of planned outages
- Immediate notification of forced outages
- Hedging market volatility with purchase power contracts

Cost

 Appropriate allocation of costs among units under common control

Cost shifting due to mergers/acquisitions

Decommissioning funding

Sharing cost savings/economies of scale

The Role of the Non-Operating Owner

Stakeholder Recognition

Participation/Operating Agreements

NNOG

- Ad Hoc Organization
- Steering Committee
- All Non-Operating Owners invited
- Two Conferences per Year
- NNOG Website

Summary

- Non-operating Owners are significant stakeholders
- Non-Operating Owners needs mirror Operators
- Non-Operating Owners have a beneficial role
- NNOG